

FIRST SUNDAY Of Lent



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

3516 E. Monroe Rd.
Midland, MI 48642-8824

Weekend Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Exposition/Reconciliation:
Wednesdays 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Mass from Assumption is LIVE streamed at our SUNDAY Mass, so keep an eye out for our Flocknote; you can also check out our Facebook page and website for a link.

See inside the bulletin for the weekday schedule of worship services.

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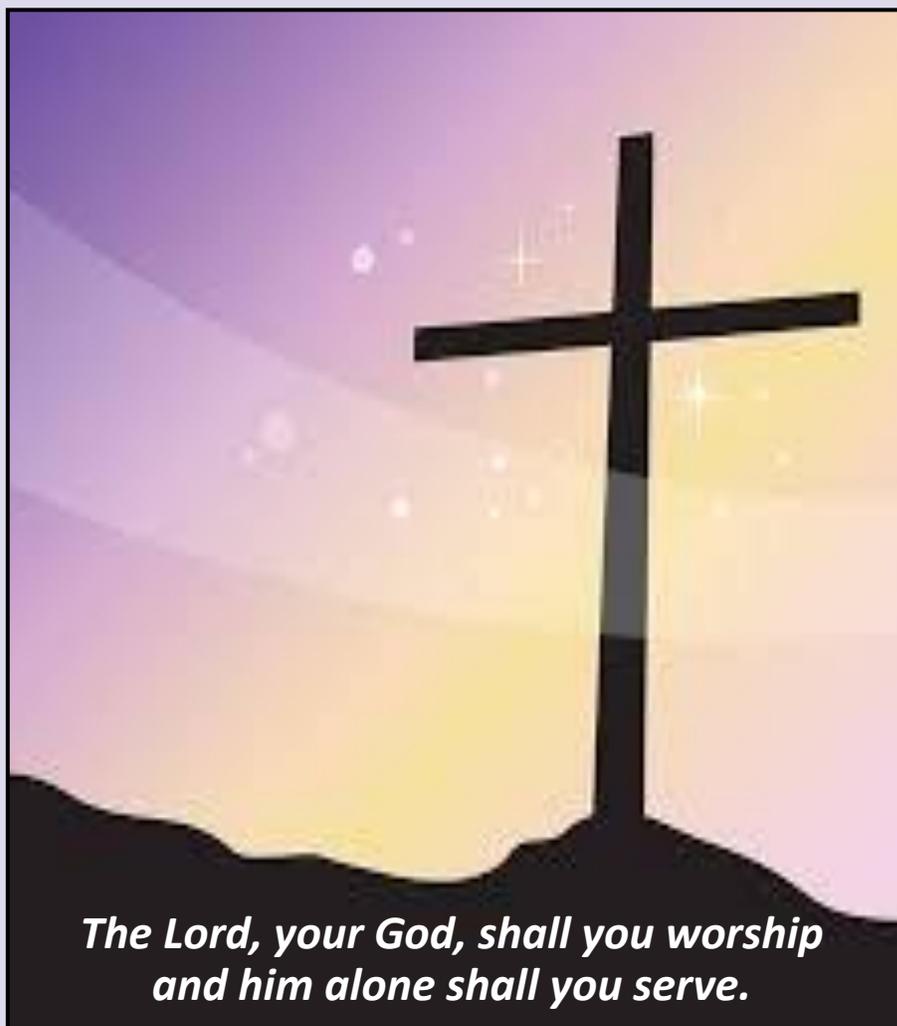
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February 22, 2026



Bulletin Deadlines

If you need to have something in the bulletin for the following weekends, please email sandym@assumptionmidland.org by:

noon on Mon, February 23 for the March 1 bulletin
noon on Thurs, February 26 for the March 8 bulletin
noon on Mon, March 2 for the March 15 bulletin

Thank you.



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From our Director of Parish Life



"Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." James 1:12

On this first weekend of Lent, we hear St. Matthew's account of the Jesus' temptation in the desert. *What tempts us?* I doubt that anyone gets up in the morning and says, "I love doing evil and hurting people. I'm going to make that my goal today!" Rather, we are tempted by something because we see something reasonable or attractive about a course of action. We see something good about what we are choosing to do. Evil is a parasite; it cannot live without leeching off some apparent good. It is human nature to pursue what is viewed as true, good, or beautiful.

What is true beauty? We recognize the glory of God's creation, and it attracts us. True beauty beckons for our attention, but it also leads us beyond itself. As the Catholic writer Stratford Caldecott put it, "Beauty is the radiance of the true and the good, and it is what attracts us to both." When we encounter beauty, we enter into a dialogue with it that leads us to gratitude, wonder, and sharing ("Hey, come look at this sunset, painting, etc. with me!").

However, we can be easily tempted, not by true beauty, but by its counterfeit, glamor. I personally miss the English translation of the baptismal profession of faith that we used from 1970 through 2018. We were asked, "Do you reject the glamor of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?" *Glamor* is a fairly recent word in human history. It was coined in 18th century Scotland and was introduced into English literature through Sir Walter Scott. Its original meaning was linked to the concepts of enchantment, magic spells, and illusion. Glamor immediately attracts us, but it does not draw us beyond this initial attraction to the good and true. It elicits in us the desires for possession and consumption, including self-centeredly using and consuming

people. The dazzling façade of glamor can obscure the rot behind it, as we have recently seen in the news with the release of the Epstein files, wherein the glamor of private jets and islands concealed unimaginable moral depravity.

Another false face of beauty is ostentatiousness. The word *ostentatious* is rooted in the Latin words which connote "showing off." Vulgar gaudiness is not true beauty because it once again does not lead us beyond itself but insists that our eyes remain fixed on it. True beauty is humble, slowly revealing its many facets to us. Ostentatiousness "attacks" our senses and seeks only to feed its own needy vanity. Far from attracting us, ostentatiousness tends to repel those who have deeply experienced real beauty.

"People of today and tomorrow need this enthusiasm [of wonder] if they are to meet and master the crucial challenges which stand before us. Thanks to this enthusiasm, humanity, every time it loses its way, will be able to lift itself up and set out again on the right path. In this sense it has been said with profound insight that 'beauty will save the world.'" Pope St. John Paul II, Letter to Artists

I have been contemplating the role of beauty in evangelization over the past few days. I have often thought of our baptismal call to evangelization primarily in terms of preaching and teaching the Good News of Jesus. However, before our words have an opportunity to move hearts and minds, people need to be drawn by the beauty, integrity, dignity, and love with which we live as disciples of Jesus. I believe that the true beauty which does exist in our parish community, in our worship, our service, and our play, must be the first thing that people notice about us. In a society awash in glamor and ostentatiousness, the simple, elegant witness

of true beauty becomes more vitally important.

That is why beautiful art and music are so important for evangelization. As I was listening to and profoundly moved by Sarah Hart's concerts (and the music at the *Assumption Celebrates Family* dinner) last weekend, I have come to be more convinced that our evangelization ministries need to radiate beauty. That is why our musical ministry is so crucial to our mission. Whether the music is ancient chant, classical choral works, contemporary worship, spirituals, Christmas carols, polka music, songs by Elvis or pop singer/songwriters, or fun sing-along songs, each expression has its beauty that uplifts our spirits. As we build a renewed culture of evangelization at Assumption Parish, may we always keep beauty prominent in our ministry efforts.

"Shut up, Satan!" Sarah Hart's paraphrase of Matthew 4:10

The glamor of evil and the shallowness of ostentatiousness surround us every day, seeking to take our eyes off our one task in this life: to live in communion with God and neighbor in love. Not the love that is vain or flashy, but the consistent free choice to put the good of others over our selfish desires. The love that receives all other people as precious gifts and seeks to make a compassionate gift of ourselves to them. The love opens us up to gratitude, dialogue, wonder, and sharing. The kind of love that Jesus' demonstrated for us through this Passion and Crucifixion. The love that cherishes true beauty and gives life. May this Lent be a time to form our eyes, minds, and hearts to see and experience the beauty that surrounds us so that we can grow in love with God and neighbor.

John

Scam Alert

Please be aware that there are emails going around asking for Apple Card's from Fr. Rick. Know that this is a scam and to delete. We would not email you asking for any money or gift cards. Thank you.



First Sunday of Lent

"... It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

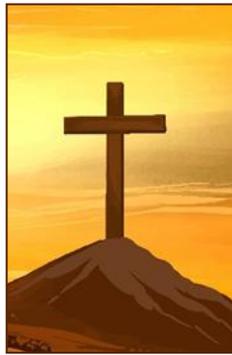
Like the devil tempted Jesus with promises of riches and material things, we too are tempted today with worldly possessions and promises of material greatness. To follow Jesus and as God wants us to do, we must turn away from the lure of worldly power and material possessions and center our lives around God. Use this season of Lent examine – and act – on how your life can be more "God-focused" and less "earthly things focused."



Worship Schedule

ASSUMPTION	
MON, February 23 Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	
TUES, February 24 Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15	8:00a Mass—Janice Rabideau 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Meditation</i>
WED, February 25 Jonah 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32	6:30p Mass <i>Followed by Exposition and Reconciliation</i>
THUR, February 26 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12	8:00a Mass—Edward Mytrowski 8:30a Rosary <i>Followed by Scripture</i>
FRI, February 27 Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26	8:00a Mass <i>Becky & Nicholas Woudstra</i> 8:30a Rosary 3:30p Stations of the Cross
SAT, February 28 Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48	8:30a Rosary 4:30p Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
SUN, March 1 Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tim 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9:30a Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

Please note that if the Midland Public Schools are closed or on delay, weekday morning and evening Mass is cancelled!



V is for Vocation: Lent and Listening to God's Call

During Lent, we give thanks and pray for those discerning God's call to the priesthood or religious life. Like Jesus, we, too, can "go into the desert" during these 40 days of Lent and reflect on what God is calling us to do with our own lives. As we engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we draw ever closer to God, listening to His voice.

Learn more about vocations:
saginaw.org/vocations or usccb.org/vocations

Gracious God, You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Through Baptism, You have sent me to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing my love with others. Strengthen me to respond to Your call each day. Help me to become all You desire of me. Inspire me to make a difference in others' lives. Lead me to choose the way of life You have planned for me. Open the hearts of all to listen to Your call. Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we may have listening hearts and the courage to respond to You. Enkindle in my heart and the hearts of others the desire to make the world a better place. Amen. (USCCB)

Lenten Enrichment Series Monday evenings at 6:30pm

February 23

Jewish Roots of the Eucharist with John Graveline

Everything that we do when we gather for Eucharist has a reason and a history. In this week's presentation, John Graveline, who studied for a year under a rabbi in Grand Rapids, will explore the Jewish meaning of bread, wine, and ritual offerings at the time of Jesus. We will experience tasting the bread, wine, herbs, etc. used at the Jewish Passover meal which is the template for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will also see how the Jewish synagogue service at the time of Jesus influences how we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at Mass to this day.

- March 2** The Coptic Church & Christians of Egypt with Dr. Peter Malek
- March 9** Our Everyday Walk with God with Noreen Warrick
- March 16** *Scriptio Divina: A "Hands On" Spiritual Practice* with Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera
- March 23** The Music of the Saints with Jim Renfer
- March 30** Fully Experiencing Holy Week Liturgy with Fr. Jim Bessert

Christ Renews for Women

Christ Renews is an on-going process for personal spiritual renewal of women over the age of 18 that results in the renewal of our faith community. The process begins with a weekend of prayer, talks given by women of our Midland Area parishes, times of silence and reflection, social activities and small group discussion. This is a wonderful time spent exploring our faith and growing in relationship with Christ. It is held at the **Blessed Sacrament Parish Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th and ending about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19th, 2026.** Note: This is not an overnight retreat. The renewal weekend is a gift from the women putting on the weekend to the women attending the weekend. Volunteers provide food and service. There is no cost. There will be no strangers there, just friends you have not yet met.

For more information & to register, contact Blessed Sacrament parish Office at (989) 835- 6777 or Jeanthiele@gmail.com



- This Week -

Sunday, February 22
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
9:30 am Mass
No C.L.O.W., No CFF, No YM
FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND
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Monday, February 23
10:00 am Stitch and Chat
2:00 pm BeFriender Training
6:30 pm Lenten Enrichment Series

Tuesday, February 24
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Meditation
3:15 pm Monicas

Wednesday, February 25
1:00 pm Book Study
6:30 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

Thursday, February 26
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary followed by Scripture
7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, February 27
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Rosary
3:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28
8:30 am Rosary
Men's Faith Study after Rosary
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 1
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
9:30 am Mass
C.L.O.W., CFF, YM
Coffee and Donuts After Mass





A retreat for all high schoolers!

Youth 2 Youth Retreat

SAT, APRIL 18 –
SUN, APRIL 19

CAMP ROTARY, CLARE, MI

Cost: \$70

Join us at Camp Rotary for an unforgettable weekend retreat designed by high school students, for high school students! Leave behind the stresses of daily life and dive into a weekend of self-discovery, faith, and meaningful connections. Participate in thought-provoking discussions led by inspiring mentors who will challenge and broaden your perspective. Experience the joy of community as you share stories, laugh, play games, and sing together around a crackling bonfire under a star-filled sky. Don't miss this chance to grow, connect, and create memories that will last a lifetime!

Join us for a weekend of fun, friends and fellowship!! Sign-up today by scanning the QR code. Questions?? Contact Kathy Russell.



NOTRE DAME VISION 2026 June 22-26 / July 6-10

Notre Dame Vision is a 5-day experience on the Notre Dame campus designed to help high school students discover and renew God's call in their lives. Connect with hundreds of other students as you learn from the witness of the saints and develop practices to live your faith. Sharpen your spiritual vision to recognize God's grace at work in your life and immerse yourself in the Notre Dame campus. Sleep in the dorms, eat in the dining hall, and pray at the numerous sacred spaces across campus.

Notre Dame Vision combines the theologically - rich experience of hearing nationally-known keynote speakers with the mentorship of college students. From large group sessions to small faith-sharing groups comprised of your peers, Notre Dame Vision gives you the space and the community to ask big questions about how God is calling you to use your talents in service to the Church and world.

Cost: \$465 (family pays \$265, parish pays \$200)

For more information:

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/summer-institute/vision-youth-conference/>
or contact Kathy Russell

Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

CHILDREN

Feb. 22 No CFF and No CLOW
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 CFF and CLOW
29 No CFF and No CLOW (spring break)



If you have any questions about Children's Faith Formation or Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Wendy Graveline at cff@assumptionmidland.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School YM meet on Sunday evenings at Blessed Sacrament from 6-8 pm.

Confirmation Prep meet on Wednesday evenings at Assumption from 6:15-8 pm.

Watch your email and the bulletin for YM news & events!

Feb. 22 No YM
25 No Confirmation Prep
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 YM
4, 11, 18, 25 Confirmation Prep



Have questions about YM or events, please contact: Kathy Russell (kathyr@assumptionmidland.org)



World Youth Day 2027

Join one million young Catholics on pilgrimage from August 1-9, 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, along with Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope. Young adults, parish leaders, and 16+ high school juniors and seniors with a parent/guardian are invited. The cost is \$4,699 (paid in installments).

Registration deadline is April 15, 2026.

Go to the following link, or scan the QR code, for more information and to register: saginaw.org/wyd.

For questions, contact Taylor Piotrkowski, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at tpiotrkowski@diosaq.org or call 989.797.6639.



LENTEN Family Movie Night March 27, 2026 6-8pm

Kick-off your Spring Break and prepare for Holy Week with us! I can't tell you the movie title, but it's an animated classic about Moses. It features an incredible score that includes an Oscar-winning song, and some absolutely stunning artwork. We'll have yummy popcorn, and you're welcome to bring any snacks you'd like. Grab your blankets and a stuffie and join us for this "royal" show!

Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship will be served after Mass Sunday, March 1st, in DuRussel Hall. Please plan to join in!





BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday
March
18

1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

For eligibility questions please call 866-642-5663

Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 2141 Community Blood Drive

Assumption Church - Multi-Purpose Room
3516 Monroe Rd.
Midland, MI 48642

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

- Call 866-642-5663
- Visit versiti.org/mi
- Or scan the QR code below

*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets. Donating blood takes about an hour and has the potential to impact up to three lives.



Emmaus One-Day Retreat for Grieving Parents March 14, 2026

This is a spiritual one-day retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause, no matter how long ago. The retreat will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 2956 N. Union, Bay City, from 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM. There is no cost to attend (a free will offering is requested to help cover the costs for catering and materials). *The deadline to register is March 7, 2026.*



You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year.

25% of donations stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger & poverty alleviation efforts.

PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL IN THE GATHERING SPACE AND BRING IT BACK STARTING PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND. OR YOU MAY USE YOUR ENVELOPE IN YOUR MONTHLY PACKET OR GIVE ONLINE.

Dear Assumption Church,
God bless you and thank you so very much! We greatly appreciate your generosity and are very grateful for your help with our Consumers bill!

Sincerely, Terry



To John and all of the beautiful congregation at Assumption,

Thank you for your warm welcome, generous spirits and beautiful singing! It is such a joy to be with you in song and in prayer.

Love & Peace, Sarah Hart

National Collections for February 2026

Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection:

This collection provides aid through bishops' conferences to help meet the needs of rebuilding the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Collection date: February 18, 2026

Black and Indian Mission Collection:

Mandated by the Third Plenary Council in 1884, this 140-year-old National Collection continues as an expression of the Church's commitment to evangelizing Black and Indian peoples in the United States.

Collection weekend: February 22, 2026

There are envelopes in your envelope packets and can also be given online. For more information, please contact Maria Coss in the Diocese Mission Office at 989.797.6646.



Assumption Celebrates Family

Thanks to everyone who joined us on February 14 for dinner, games, music, and more to celebrate our parish family! We had over 150 people in attendance and a fun time was had by all. A special thank you to those who bid, bid, bid in the Silent Auction to support Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

The Vocations Committee thanks all those involved in making the gathering a success. A big shoutout to...

- Dave, our emcee and master of dad jokes
- The three loving couples who participated in the game "Love and Marriage": the Kearls, the Richards, and the Lemons
- Brad, Matt, and all those who assisted in set up and tear down
- Sarah and her decorating crew
- Denise for the stage backdrop
- Kathy and the Knights for the delicious meal, as well as all the parishioners who donated desserts, soup or ran the drinks station
- Anna for advertising & design help
- Virginia's Friends, Jim, and Kristyn for serenading us with live music
- Wendy for coordinating the silent auction, and her teen bid runners, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Maria, Roman, Sierra, and Sophia
- All those who donated items to the silent auction
- John and crew for running bingo and setting up the kids games
- And of course our wonderful Assumption Family, who have shared their love, joys, tears, and prayers throughout the year. Thank you for being part of this faith community!



Remember your loved one with an

Easter Lily

Please fill out an envelope indicating:

- Your name
- The name of the person you wish to honor (to be printed in the bulletin)
- Whether you would like to take a lily home

We are requesting donations of \$30

Return envelopes to the parish office or to the donation box at the Welcome Circle by **Sunday, March 1**

Questions? Contact Jim Renfer at jim@assumptionmidland.org



This Weekend Food Pantry Collection Feb 21/22

If you have a **blue bag** from the parish, please use it to bring in your donations.



CHRIST RENEWS FOR MEN

Christ Renewals is for all men who want to look seriously at their life, their relationship with others, and their relationship with God. Look at stained glass windows from the outside... kind of dull and lackluster. Now look at them from the inside... they are entirely different. The beauty that was not apparent from the outside now fills our senses. It is all day Saturday, March 7th and a partial day Sunday, March 8th. It is not an overnight retreat. Much of the weekend is composed of testimony of men's real-life experiences, intermingled with songs, laughter, discussions, and moments of prayer. It shows how God's grace makes its unique way into our hearts.

Registration ends on the 20th!

To register, scan the QR Code, go to the web page; <https://www.blessed-midland.org/events/mens-christ-renewals/>, or call Blessed Sacrament at 835-6777.



FISH FRY

130 W Larkin Street, Downtown Midland

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, and 27

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Please Call Ahead 989-835-9481 ext. 75
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (No calls after 1:00 p.m.)



DINE IN PRICING:

Adults: \$20
Children: \$10
Children under 5 eat FREE

TAKEOUT PRICING:

All walleye box: \$18
Seafood meal: \$15
Grilled cheese: \$5



LENTEN BLACK BOOKS

You can receive the daily reflections through email by signing up on Flocknote.

Just go to:

midlandabvm.flocknote.com/BlackBook
to sign-up or click the button in the weekly Flocknote that is sent out.

A **Lenten Silent Retreat** will be offered to all women of the Diocese by the Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on **Saturday, March 14**. The retreat starts at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 4 p.m. The retreat leaders will be LeAnne & Dr. Dan Osborn whose presentation title will be "In the Footsteps of Mary & the 3 Teresas." The cost for the retreat is \$25. Please **RSVP** to Rita Maher (989-635-7072)/rjmaher48453@yahoo.com.

March 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday of Lent Mass / 9:30am C.L.O.W.* CFF, YM <i>Coffee & Donuts</i> after Mass	2 Lenten Enrichment Series / 6:30pm	3 W&C / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation <i>Monicas / 3:15pm</i> Pastoral Council Meeting / 5:30pm	4 Open Door Prep 8am Serving at Open Door 10am Book Study 1pm Confirmation / 6:15pm W&C / 6:30pm followed by Exposition, no Reconciliation K of C / 7:30 pm	5 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	6 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Stations of the Cross / 3:30pm Worship As One Service / 7-8pm	7 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm Daylight Savings (set clocks ahead Saturday Night)
8 3rd Sunday of Lent Mass / 9:30am C.L.O.W.* CFF, YM	9 Stitch and Prayer 9:45am Liturgy Meeting 10:30am <i>Y2Y Meeting</i> Lenten Enrichment Series / 6:30pm	10 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation <i>Monicas / 3:15pm</i> Christian Service Meeting / 5:30pm	11 Book Study 1pm Confirmation 6:15-8:00pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	12 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	13 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Stations of the Cross / 3:30pm	14 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Mass / 4:30pm <i>K of C</i> Pierogi Sales
15 4th Sunday of Lent Mass / 9:30am C.L.O.W.* CFF, YM <i>K of C Pierogi Sales</i>	16 Blood Drive 1:30-6pm <i>BeFriender</i> <i>Training / 2-5pm</i> Lenten Enrichment Series / 6:30pm	17 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation <i>Monicas / 3:15pm</i> Faith Form Comm Meeting / 5:30pm Admin/Finance Meeting 7pm <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Book Study 1pm Confirmation / 6:15pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm K of C Exemplification 7:30pm	19 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	20 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Stations of the Cross / 3:30pm	21 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Serving at Open Door / 10am Mass / 4:30pm
22 5th Sunday of Lent Mass / 9:30am C.L.O.W.* CFF <i>Last YM class</i> Communal Reconciliation 2pm @ Blessed Sacrament	23 Stitch and Chat 10am <i>Y2Y Meeting</i> Lenten Enrichment Series / 6:30pm	24 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation <i>Monicas / 3:15pm</i>	25 Book Study 1pm Confirmation 6:15-8:00pm Mass / 6:30pm followed by Reconciliation/ Exposition 7:15-8:15pm	26 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am Scripture Reflection after Rosary Choir Practice 7pm	27 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am <i>Lenten Family</i> <i>Movie Night 6-8pm</i> Stations of the Cross / 3:30pm	28 Rosary / 8:30am Men's Faith Study after Rosary Mass / 4:30pm <i>K of C Tootsie Roll</i> <i>Drive</i> Food Pantry
29 Palm Sunday Mass / 9:30am No C.L.O.W.* No CFF <i>K of C Tootsie Roll</i> <i>Drive</i> Food Pantry	30 Mass / 8am Lenten Enrichment Series / 6:30pm	31 Mass / 8am Rosary / 8:30am followed by meditation <i>No Monicas</i>	 = days of fast and/or abstinence	* Children's Liturgy of the Word		
HOLY WEEK / MPS School Spring Break						

Mustard Seed Shelter

Mustard Seed Shelter in Saginaw invites you to join us on **Saturday, February 28th** as we host a walk to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness and money to support the life-saving and life-changing work that is done each and every day at Mustard Seed. Come on your own or get a team together for **Coldest Night of the Year!**

For more information visit: cnoy.com/saginaw or call Amy Bartels Roe @ 989-295-8392. We hope you can join us!



Every Child Matters

New Ministry to Invisible Youth

If you've never interacted with people in jail or detention, it's common to have concerns:

Q: These children have very big problems. Occasional visits won't solve their problems, so why bother?

Yes, many of the children we will be visiting have major life problems but this question misses the point. Only God can solve those sorts of serious problems; the ultimate outcome isn't our responsibility. What IS our responsibility is to show up and be a friend to those in need. Kids in detention generally don't have many reliable adults to support them. One genuine connection might mean a lot.

For more information, contact Julie 989-631-6735 or email maurer.julie@yahoo.com

Thank You!

We continue to collect cans and bottles for Youth Ministry, events and service projects. **Thank you all for your continued support of our Youth Ministry program!!** ~Kathy

Weekend Offerings

February 14/15, 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$4,313
 Online Giving (2/9-2/15) \$2,266
 Donations \$0
 Weekend Total \$6,579
 Weekly Goal \$9,231
 Overage/(Shortfall) (\$2,652)

February 1-15, 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$13,279
 Online Giving \$8,237
 Donations \$13,800
 Total \$35,316
 Goal \$27,693
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